

# Opening Ceremony

AIDLR CONFERENCE 2026  
“NEW ERA IN HUMAN RIGHTS? IMPACTS ON FORB”

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026

## OPENING CEREMONY

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sala Capitular – Ayuntamiento de Toledo  
Toledo, Spain

## MODERATORS

Paulo Macedo, SG AIDLR  
Rubén Guzmán, AIDLR Spain

## INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME

### Institutional Message

Message from His Excellency António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Read by UN SR for FoRB, Dr. Nazila Ghanea

### Institutional Addresses

D. Óscar López, President, AIDLR Spain  
Dr. Barna Magyarosi, President, AIDLR  
Dr. Adama Dieng, President AIDLR Honorary Committee  
Sra. María Soledad de Frutos del Valle, Diputación Provincial de Toledo,  
Ilmo. Sr. D. Carlos Velázquez Romo, Alcalde de Toledo

### Reading of the AIDLR 80th Anniversary Statement

Rosa María de Codes, Vice-President, IRLA (Spanish)  
Reinhard Schwab, AIDLR Austria (English)  
Francesca Evangelisti, AIDLR Italy (French)

### Commemorative Premier

AIDLR 80 Years – Historical Video Documentary

### AIDLR 80th Anniversary Awards of Honor

Alberto de la Hera  
Ganoune Diop  
John Graz

### Closing Remarks

# Conference Programme

## LUNCH

Palacio de Congresos “El Greco”  
12:30PM-2PM

**SESSION 1 – “Current State of Freedom of Religion and Belief”**  
2:00–3:45 PM

### MODERATOR

Jens Mohr, SG AIDLR Germany

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**“Freedom of Religion or Belief in 2026: Perspectives from the Mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur.”**

Nazila Ghanea, UN SR on FoRB

### SPEAKERS

**“Between Faith, Freedom, and Heritage: Navigating Tensions in Modern Liberal Democracies.”**

Jónatas Machado, University of Coimbra

**“Political instrumentalisation of Religion : problelematics of definition and possible ways forward.”**

Ibrahim Salama, British University of Egypt

### COMENTATOR

Dan Serb, Newbold College, UK

## BREAK

**SESSION 2 – DEBATE “International Actors and Religious Freedom”**  
4:15–5:30 PM

### MODERATOR

Ezequiel Duarte, AIDLR Portugal

### PANELISTS

Anastasia Hartmann – Open Doors International

Ivan Arjona Pelado – NGO Committee on FoRB at UNOG

Jonathan de Leyser – EPRID, Brussels

Juan José García Carreño – EEAS, Brussels

Michael Wiener – OHCHR UN, Geneva

Maksym Krupsky – PARL SDA, Ukraine

### COMENTATOR

João Martins, ADRA Europe

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2026

**SESSION 3 – “New Challenges to Human Rights”**  
**9:00–10:30 AM**

**MODERATOR**

Rubén Guzmán, AIDLR Spain

**SPEAKERS**

**“How does the decline of the rules-based world order affect freedom of religion?”**  
Harald Mueller, Judge, Hannover

**“FoRB and the Marrakech Declaration: Are we witnessing the dawn of a genuine commitment to the promotion of religious freedom?”**  
Amal Idrissi, Moulay Ismaïl University, Morocco

**“Freedom of conscience and religion in the context Health challenges: the post-COVID19 context”**  
Alexandru Rafila, Chamber of Deputies, Romania

**“Human Rights in an Age of Fragmentation: Freedom of Religion or Belief and New Global Responsibilities”**  
Shabnam Moinipour, Oxford University

**COMENTATOR**

Paulin Giurgi, HopeMedia Europe

**BREAK**

**SESSION 4 – “Multilateralism vs Religious Nationalism”**  
**10:45 AM–12:15 PM**

**MODERATOR**

David Millard, AIDLR France

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**“Discussions around religious nationalism, multiculturalism, and the use of religious freedom for political gain.**  
Rosa M<sup>a</sup> Martínez de Codes, University Complutense, Madrid

**SPEAKERS**

**“The State and Communities: current legal issues that reveal public trends regarding religion”**  
Fernando Soares Loja, Religious Liberty Commission, Portugal

**“Christian Zionism in America and the Emerging Conflict over “Religious Freedom” within the Religious Right”**

Jeremy Gunn, International University of Rabat

**“The importance of citizenship education and the opportunity provided by university exchanges for freedom, peace, and security”**

Mihnea Costoiu, University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest

**COMENTATOR**

Rúben de Abreu, AIDLR Board of Trustees

**LUNCH**

**SESSION 5 – “Impact of Information and Communication Technologies on FORB”  
13:30 – 3:00 PM**

**MODERATOR**

Raphael Nagler, AIDLR Switzerland

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**“Lights and shadows of Artificial Intelligence and Religious freedom”**

Jaime Rossell Granados, University of Extremadura, Spain

**SPEAKERS**

**“FORB in the age of AI: a reflection on the social problems of value alignment and governance”**

Alexis Artaud de la Ferrière, University of London

**“AI and freedom of religion in the workplace: new frontiers of surveillance and discrimination.”**

Susana Machado, Polytechnic Institute of Porto, Portugal

**“Impact of Information and Communication Technologies in FoRB: a perspective from Education”**

Ecaterina Andronescu, Academia and Politics, Romania

**COMENTATOR**

Peter Cik, AIDLR Czech Republic

**BREAK**

**SESSION 6 – DEBATE “VOICES OF CONSCIENCE”  
3:20-4:40 PM**

**MODERATOR**

Paulo Macedo, SG AIDLR

## INTRODUCTION

### “Changes and Trends in the International System and Their Impact on Freedom of Religion and Belief”

Robert Rehak, IRFBA

## PARTICIPANTS

Asher Maoz, Peres Academic Center Law School, Israel

Ganoune Diop, IRLA and PARL, USA

Ibrahim Salama, British University, Egypt

José Eduardo Vera Jardim, Religious Liberty Commission, Portugal

Mario Brito, Director, CIRLAP, AIDLR Liaison to UN Geneva

## COMENTATOR

Ian Sweeney, PARL UK

## Closing Session

**5:00 – 5:30 PM**

Excmo. y Rvdmo. Sr. D. Francisco Cerro Chaves, Arzobispo de Toledo

Óscar Lopez, AIDLR Spain

Barna Magyarosi, AIDLR, Headquarters

Adama Dieng, AIDLR, Honorary Committee

## TOURISTIC VISIT

**5:45 - 8:00 PM**

## SPECIAL DINNER

Restaurant

**8:30 – 10:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2026**

## SIDE TALKS

### “The Future of FoRB”

Hotel Eurostars

### ST 1 – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

#### “The Future of FoRB Studies”

(F.Evangelisti, S.Baldassarre, A.Cupri – AIDLR Italy)

### ST 2 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

#### “The Future of International Organisations”

(Michael Wiener - UNHRC)

### ST 3 – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### “The Future of AIDLR”

(AIDLR)

## Closing Remarks